

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A composition for treating hard surfaces comprising

- a) at least one water-soluble or water-dispersible compound as [[as]] component A, which is prepared by reacting
- aa) polyalkylenepolyamines, polyamidoamines grafted with ethyleneimine, polyether-amines and mixtures of said compounds, as component Aa,
 - ab) bifunctional crosslinkers having, as a functional group, a halogenhydrin, glycidyl, aziridine or isocyanate unit or a halogen atom, as component Ab, and
 - ac) monoethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acids selected from the group consisting ~~essentially~~ of acrylic acid, methacrylic acid, ~~dimethacrylic acid~~, ethylacrylic acid, ~~maleic acid~~, ~~fumaric acid~~, ~~itaconic acid~~, ~~methylenemalononic acid~~, ~~citraconic acid~~, salts, esters, amides or nitriles of monoethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acids, ~~chlorocarboxylic acids~~, ~~glycidyl acid~~, ~~glycidylamide~~, ~~glycidyl esters~~ and mixtures thereof;
- b) at least one surfactant selected from the group consisting ~~essentially~~ of anionic, nonionic, amphoteric and cationic surfactants, as component B;
- c) optionally at least one water-soluble organic solvent, as component C;
- d) optionally ammonia, alkanolamine or both ammonia and alkanolamine, as component D;
- e) optionally at least one acid selected from the group consisting ~~essentially~~ of inorganic acid, carboxylic acid and sulfonic acid, as component E;

- f) optionally at least one builder, as component F;
- g) optionally auxiliaries and additives, as component G; and
- h) water.

Claim 2 (Original): The composition according to claim 1, comprising

- a) 0.01 to 40% by weight, of component A;
- b) 0.01 to 80% by weight, of component B;
- c) 0 to 50% by weight, of component C;
- d) 0 to 5% by weight, of component D;
- e) 0 to 5% by weight, of component E;
- f) 0 to 10% by weight, of component F;
- g) 0 to 5% by weight, of component G; and
- h) water,

so that the total amount of components A to G and water is 100% by weight.

Claim 3 (Original): The composition according to claim 1, wherein component Aa is a polyalkyleneamine.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The composition according to claim 1, wherein the component Ab is selected from the group consisting ~~essentially~~ of epihalohydrin, α,ω -bis-(chlorohydrin) polyalkylene glycol ether, α,ω -bis(epoxide) of polyalkylene glycol ether, and bis-glycidyl ether or mixtures thereof.

Claim 5 (Canceled).

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The composition according to claim 1, wherein component B is selected from the group consisting ~~essentially~~ of fatty alcohol sulfates, alkyl ether sulfates, fatty alcohol alkoxylates and mixtures thereof.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The composition according to claim 1, wherein component C is present and is selected from the group consisting ~~essentially~~ of glycerol, propylene glycol, ethylene glycol, ethanol, isopropanol, n-propanol, ethylene glycol monobutyl ethers, propylene glycol monobutyl ethers and mixtures thereof.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The composition according to claim 1, wherein component D is present and is ammonia, monoethanolamine or both ammonia and monoethanolamine, component E is present and is selected from the group consisting ~~essentially~~ of formic acid, acetic acid, citric acid, lactic acid and amidosulfonic acid or both component D and E.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A process for the preparation of water-soluble or water-dispersible compounds comprising ~~the steps~~:

- i) crosslinking of polyalkylenepolyamines, polyamidoamines grafted with ethyleneimine, polyether-amines, and mixtures of said compounds as component Aa,
with
at least bifunctional crosslinkers having, as functional group, a halogenhydrin, glycidyl, aziridine or isocyanate unit or a halogen atom, as component Ab;
and

ii) reaction of the product obtained in step i) with monoethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acids, salts, esters, amides or nitriles of monoethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acids, ~~chlorocarboxylic acidss, glycidyl acid, glycidylamide, glycidyl ester and or~~ mixtures thereof, as component Ac.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): A water-soluble or water-dispersible compound prepared by a process according to claim 9.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): A process for treating hard surfaces, ~~where~~ comprising bringing the hard surfaces ~~are brought~~ into contact with a composition according to claim 1.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): A process for the treatment of hard surfaces for rapid and streak-free drying, ease of soil release, reduction in or prevention of the condensation of water and the formation of dried-on traces of water on the hard surfaces, comprising the step of bringing the hard surfaces into contact with water-soluble or water-dispersible compounds which are prepared by reacting

- aa) polyalkylenepolyamines, polyamidoamines, polyamidoamines grafted with ethyleneimine, polyether-amines and mixtures of said compounds, as component Aa,
- ab) at least bifunctional crosslinkers having, as functional group, a halogenhydrin, glycidyl, aziridine or isocyanate unit or a halogen atom, as component Ab, and
- ac) monoethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acids selected from the group consisting ~~essentially~~ of acrylic acid, methacrylic acid,

~~dimethacrylic acid, ethylacrylic acid, maleic acid, fumaric acid,~~
~~itaconic acid, methylenemalonie acid, citraconic acid,~~ salts, esters,
amides or nitriles of monoethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acids,
~~chlorocarboxylic acids, glycidyl acid, glycidylamide, glycidyl ester~~ and
mixtures thereof.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): A process for the treatment of hard surfaces for rapid and streak-free drying, ease of soil release, reduction in or prevention of the condensation of water and the formation of dried-on traces of water on the hard surfaces, comprising ~~the step~~ of bringing the hard surfaces into contact with a composition as claimed in claim 1.

Claim 14 (New): The process according to claim 11, wherein the composition is selected from the group consisting of glass cleaners, floor cleaners, all-purpose cleaners, bath cleaners, rinse aids, dishwashing detergents for hand or machine dishwashing, machine cleaners, paint degreasers and dairy cleaners.